

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Conservation Auditorium, 1st Floor, State Land & Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2001**, upon the application of **EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY**.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **James Lime, Reservoir A**, in the West Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the James Lime, Reservoir A.
2. To create two (2) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the James Lime, Reservoir A, such units being designated JA RA SUA and JA RA SUB, and being shown on the plat submitted with the application.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
5. To provide that future wells drilled to the James Lime, Reservoir A, be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the James Lime, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir so warrant and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The James Lime, Reservoir A, in the West Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 5,948' and 6,172' (ELM) in the El Paso Production Company (formerly Sonat Exploration Company) - E W Merritt No. 3 Well located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 7 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Shreveport**, Louisiana.

WEST BRYCELAND FIELD

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All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

**PHILIP N. ASPRODITES
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**

Baton Rouge, La

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